Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Gary Smidt, Merlin Beahm, Fred Will, Jan Hofferber-Kathi Schutz's mother, and Larry Preston-Jeanette Wilkinson's brother.

Happy Birthday to Paul Heath, Kay Lyn McBride, Megan Conyers, Kelly Mills, Kristie Taylor, Jason Smidt, and Jean Scharff (90!!).

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

"Doxology United Methodist Hymnal #94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

Today, O Lord, we offer you our sacrifice of time, energy, and love, knowing full well they are mere tokens of the awesome faith, you inspire within us. Accept these gifts, that they may continue the good work in Christ —in our church, in our community, and in the world. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Closing Hymn United Methodist Hymnal #580 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Benediction & Sending Forth

May the Holy One, the Rock of our salvation, bless us now! Join together in faith to work for truth and honesty. As God loves you, carry that love out into the world in peace, hope, and faith.

Postlude Glen Haselbarth



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Vision for 2021:

Overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace,
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:13 NIV)

Order of Worship November 14, 2021 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

- 1. Today is the third Sunday of the annual stewardship campaign. Please memorize this week's Bible verse in your bulletin, Luke 12:15 "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."
- 2. A consecration service will be next Sunday. We will have the opportunity to celebrate and consecrate our gifts to the ministry of our church for the coming year. A meal will be provided following worship.
- 3. Harvest Festival: Celebration of Successful Harvest. November 17, this Wednesday, from 5:30 to 7:30pm. It is a family event and all family is invited.
- 4. There will be a short Ad Council meeting in the fellowship hall following worship today.
- 5. We are collecting donations for Christmas Shoebox. Please pick up boxes as many as you need. Please return by next Sunday.
- 6. Choir practice for Christmas cantata is this Thursday at 6:30pm.
- 7. Last week we received offerings of \$4,190. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

P: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

L: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in His holy temple.

P: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

L: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

P: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

Opening Prayer

Lord of light and hope, be with us this day as we have gathered to hear your word. Help us open our hearts to the commandments to love, even when loving is difficult. Give us the courage to be people who will commit their whole lives in your service. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn United Methodist Hymnal #127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Children's Time

Scriptures

Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NIV)

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you;

never will I forsake you."

So we say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?"

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11(NIV)

I denied myself nothing my eyes desired;
I refused my heart no pleasure.

My heart took delight in all my labor,
and this was the reward for all my toil.

Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done
and what I had toiled to achieve,
everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind;
nothing was gained under the sun.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message
"Cultivating Contentment"
by
Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn "More Love to Thee, O Christ"
United Methodist Hymnal #453